

## Sunday Teacher's Lesson for children

# Life of Christ

## Jesus walks on water Matt. 14:22-33

Younger Verse

Nothing is impossible with God. Luke 1:37

Older Verse

Nothing is impossible with God. Luke 1:37

Welcome Time

Have you ever been really scared? It is frightening to be scared and not know what to do. Let's see what happens when Jesus' friends are scared.

Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Teachers:  
Since this is such a familiar story, we are sharing it this year from the view of Peter.

Peter was one of Jesus' best friends. He traveled with Jesus and saw Him do many amazing things. Last week we learned how Jesus fed many, many people with one little boy's lunch. Peter saw that and knew that Jesus was definitely someone special.

We are going to tell today's story from Peter's view.

After Jesus did this miracle, He asked us all to go ahead to the other side of the lake. So we began rowing the boat across the lake. Jesus told us that He would catch up with us later. He wanted to pray to God.

Suddenly, stormy winds began to blow our boat. We used to be fishermen and we knew that the weather looked bad. Dark clouds began to roll in and the waves began to grow. It was really hard to row the boat.

Then, all of a sudden, someone saw something walking towards us. We were so scared! It looked like a ghost! We all were afraid and not sure what to do.

Immediately, Jesus said, "Have courage, It's Me. Jesus! Don't be afraid."

I couldn't believe my eyes. Jesus was walking on the water like it was land. Before I could think, I asked Jesus if I could walk out to Him on the water.

Jesus told me to come so I began walking on the water. I couldn't believe how the water was holding me up!

Then, I took my eyes off Jesus. I started looking around at the waves and felt the wind gush by. I got scared and I started to sink into the water. I knew that I would drown if Jesus didn't help me. I cried out to Jesus for help and He reached out His hand and saved me.

Lesson Goals

Believe in Jesus and trust Him  
See how Jesus can help us when we are afraid  
Know what it means to worship Jesus like His friends did

Quickly we climbed into the boat. When we did, the stormy winds stopped. We were amazed at how the storm was immediately gone! We knew again that Jesus was God's Son. Only He could make the weather change and walk on water!

Then we all worshipped Jesus by telling Him how wonderful He was and how much we loved Him. We bowed down to Him and honored Him.

Just like Jesus saved Peter from the water, He made a way to save us too. Jesus wanted us to be able to go to Heaven. He knew that because we are dirty with sin, that we could never get to heaven by ourselves. He knew that there was only one way to help us, to make us clean. He died in our place for the wrong things we have done. He died for us.

The best news is that He came back to life 3 days later. He is alive now! Just like Jesus' friends trusted Him with their lives, we can trust Jesus too. If we believe in Jesus and trust Him with our lives, He will clean out our dirty hearts and we will go to Heaven one day. If you want to know more about how to go to Heaven, talk to us about it anytime.

**Learning Activities**

Try hands-on activities that will help the children learn the lesson. You may want to act out the story using a blue tarp as the water. Or you may want to make little sailboats and create a storm in a bowl of water. Use your imagination and think of fun ways for the kids to remember the story AND remember that Jesus can help them whenever they are scared.

**Memory Verse Activities**

Color all of a piece of paper with different colors. Now turn the crayon picture over onto a sheet of white paper. Write the verse, mashing down hard on the paper. The crayon drawing will act as carbon paper and transfer the verse in beautiful colors onto the white paper.

**Prayer Time**

Make a circle and pray together. Ask the kid to pray silently, then pray out loud. Thank God for caring for us and helping us when we are scared.

**Snack Time/CleanUp**

Bring cupcakes with frosting to signify the stormy lake. Use a jelly bean to represent the boat and a graham teddy snack to represent Jesus and/or Peter. Be creative and use other snack items to make a "stormy scene" to eat.

Planning for July 20th  
Clean verse unclean  
Matthew 15:1-18

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Preschool Lesson  
For  
Jesus walks on Water

Tell today's lesson for the view of a little wave in the water.

Hi! I'm a little wave in the water. I want to tell you a BIG story about what happened one day.

One night, I saw a fishing boat go by. It had people in it and they were rowing it to the other side of the lake.

Suddenly the sky grew dark and the winds started to blow. My little wave got bigger and bigger. (Make wavy motions with your arms.)

It was getting really stormy all around.

Suddenly, one of the men on the boat screamed. He thought he saw a ghost!

Then, the person said that He was Jesus and told them not to be afraid.

One of the men on the boat was named Peter. He asked Jesus if he could walk on the water too. When he stepped out of the boat, his foot touched my wave. It tickled!

He started walking towards Jesus but then he stopped. He looked down and around. He got scared and started sinking into the water. He yelled for Jesus to help him.

Jesus grabbed his hand and saved him from drowning in the water.

When Jesus and Peter climbed into the boat, the whole storm stopped. All the winds were gone and my little wave was still. It was a miracle! Jesus stopped the storm.

The men knew that Jesus must be God's Son. Only God could make a storm stop or walk on water.

The men bowed down to Jesus and told Him that they loved Him.

We can show Jesus how much we love Him too. We can sing songs to Him, pray and invite others to come to church with us. This week, let's try to tell others how wonderful Jesus is.

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## Hands-On Activities For Jesus walks on Water

Sing, "With Jesus in the boat, you can smile through the storm."

Play fun water games by soaking a sponge in water, using water balloons, water squirters, noodles etc. Be prepared to get wet and have fun!!

Fill little cups with blue jell-o. Add pineapple fish shapes if available. Talk about the story and have fun eating the snack.

Make an ocean in a bottle. Pour water 2/3 of the way full into the bottle. Now add baby oil or mineral oil into the bottle to fill it up. Add 1 drop of blue food coloring. Screw on the bottle cap and secure with duck tape (so that it will not unscrew). Shake up the bottle and watch a storm appear!

Color a piece of paper to resemble water. Cut it to fit into a zipper sandwich bag. Glue a small picture of Jesus onto a craft stick. Make a small hole on the side of the bag and insert the stick. Now let the kids simulate Jesus walking on the water but moving the stick.

Talk about what it means to worship God. Let the kids give examples of how we can worship God. Help the kids see how important it is to worship God and honor Him.

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